(e) As indicated in reply to part (c) a provision already exists for hiring houses by the CAO on their being sponsored by Service Officers.

Dumping of Nuclear Wastes in Tibet by China

294. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reported dumping of nuclear wastes by China in Tibet which appeared in a Section of the Press; and

(b) if so, what are the estimated effects on environment in northern regions of India, on waters flowing from Tibet into India and also on forests and vegetation along the Tibetan border?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) Government have seen the news item, but have no information on the nuclear waste reportedly being dumped in Tibet. However, constant monitoring of the environment in all areas (including forests, vegetation and water resources) is done by the concerned agencies in India.

Jobs to the Dependents of the deceased Central Government Employees

295. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central Government employees in Delhi who died while in service during the last three years; and

(b) the number of dependents of those deceased employees who were appointed during this period on compassionate grounds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Under the existing instructions, subject to certain conditions, Joint Secretaries incharge of Administration or Secretary in the Ministry/Department concerned and Heads of Deptts. are competent to appoint a son|daughter|near relative of a Govt. servant, who dies in harness or is invalidated from service on medical grounds. Information in regard to the number of Govt. servants, who died or retired on medical grounds, as also the number of appointments made on compassionate grounds is not centrally monitored by the Department of Personnel and Training.

Indian nationals in foreign jails

296. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian nationals in jails of foreign countries alongwith the names of such countries; and

(b) the number of foreign nationals in Indian jails alongwith the names of the countries to which they belong?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) The information is given in the Statement (*See* belof).

(b) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.